

LNM/Index Requirements – Dairy Producers

- Dairy semen from AI sires must be from the top 20 percent for Lifetime Net Merit (LNM) for their breed or the appropriate breed Index listed below:

FY 09/10 TAEP Cattle Genetics Program - Minimum Dairy TPI or LNM Requirements by Breed

To Qualify: A bull must meet or exceed the requirements in **1 of the 2** categories.

<u>BREED</u>	<u>Column2</u>	<u>TPI</u>	<i>or</i>	<u>LNM</u>
HOLSTEIN		1673		384
Red & White		1673		384
AYRSHIRE		Top 20%		222
BROWN SWISS		130		324
GUERNSEY		Top 20%		243
JERSEY		156		373
MILKING SHORTHORN		Top 20%		342

- Natural service bulls – The purchased/leased bull or bull's sire must meet the criteria for LNM or the appropriate breed Index listed above, during the year they are used. There are no restrictions on the dam. Dairy natural service bulls must also pass a breeding soundness exam to qualify.